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CC Docket No. 02-6

Re: REQUEST FOR WAIVER

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
9300 East Hampton Drive  
Capital Heights, MD 20743

Dear Ms. Dortch or Whom It May Concern:

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Funding Year	2012
Application Type & Application Number	471 Deadline #875817
FRNs	2391651, 2391653, 2391654, 2391664, 2391665, 2391670, 2391754, 2392035,
Appeal Reason	Filed 471 Application past March 20, 2012 deadline

**Appeal Explanation:**

I am relatively new to the Education Department at AHRC NYC which has six schools that educate students with developmental disabilities in the NYC Metro Area. In the latter part of March the possibility of acquiring E-Rate funds to update our telecom and internal connections was brought to my attention. I proceeded to research the possibilities and presented this to my Director of Education, who informed me of our past experiences with E-Rate over ten years ago

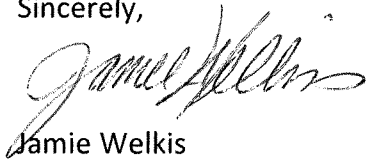
when we used outside consultants to assist us in the process. Our agency has not applied for E-Rate since that year and has grown to six schools at the present time. Our department made the decision to try to move forward with the process as these upgrades are especially needed with our recent growth and technology advances in the past few years.

We began the process very late and were unaware of the scope of the process. We did move ahead in hopes that we may be able to obtain a waiver to procure funding for this upcoming school/fiscal year. We have had the following completed thus far according the USAC and FCC application rules and guidelines:

- **470 Application – 7907740001032745 on 3.9.2012**
- **471 Application - 875817 on 4.30.2012**
- **Item 21 Attachments – filed on 4.30.2012 using USAC attachment module (xls. file)**

We appreciate your time and consideration in advance in granting us this waiver.

Sincerely,



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